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Abstract:

The project provides tutoring and related support services to homeless children and youth living at the Youth Emergency Services and Shelter of Iowa (YESS) and the Iowa Homeless Youth Centers (IHYC) in Des Moines, Iowa. In the YESS component staff will identify children and youth most in need of services and will provide space at the shelter for a tutor and two tutor assistants to work with these students. The tutor will be a certified teacher with skills in computer-assisted instruction and will provide approximately 500 hours of tutoring and related services to up to 100 children and youth during the school year. Each student will develop learning goals with the assistance of the tutor. Tutoring services will include remedial education utilizing the NovaNET system. Related activities will include coordination between YESS and Heartland Area Education (Heartland conducts an on-site educational program for YESS residents) to facilitate educational success. Des Moines School staff will provide transition and SUCCESS program services to children and youth who are or will be attending one of the Des Moines District's SUCCESS program schools. The IHYC component includes an educational liaison that will facilitate communication and coordination between IHYC staff and school staff. The liaison will also work one-on-one with students to ensure educational success. The liaison will be on-site at both the school and IHYC to offer support and advocacy services to homeless high school youth in the district. The position will ensure that homeless youth receive the services they need in order to experience success in high school. The liaison will facilitate enrollment and expedite the access of school records and will act as a support to the youth for enrollment, daily attendance, and problem solving when teacher-student conflicts arise. The liaison will provide approximately 700 hours of tutoring and related services to approximately 60 youth during the school year.

